

creating translatable source code and executable code for said initial legacy software application and;

utilizing said translatable source code to produce a series of software components, said components being executable by at least one of said computing resources in said network environment, and wherein upon execution, said computing resource is caused to interconnect with the executable code of said legacy software application over said network so as to interact with said legacy software application in the transmission of receipt of information to and from said legacy software application.

2. A method in accordance with claim 1 wherein the legacy software application includes interface specification definitions which include definitions of screen formats, the step of producing the series of software components further comprising generating a series of user interface software components from the screen format definitions, the user interface software components being arranged for execution on the network computing resource to provide a graphical user interface providing at least data entry and display facilities of the interface specification definitions.

3. A method in accordance with claim 2, wherein the interface software components are arranged to generate forms corresponding to forms generated by the legacy software application.

4. A method in accordance with claim 1, comprising the step of generating client interface components, the client interface components being arranged to interact over the network with the legacy software application.

5. A method in accordance with claim 4, the client interface components include a user input object which is arranged to receive data input by a user of the network computing resource and transmit the data to the legacy application, over the network.

6. A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said series of software components are loadable and executable by an Internet Browser.

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utilizing said translatable source code to produce a series of software components, said components being executable by at least one of said computing resources in said network environment, and wherein upon execution, said computing resources in said network environment, and wherein upon execution, said computing resource is caused to interconnect

21. A program storage device in accordance with claim 14, wherein said series of software components are executable by scripting languages running on said network computing resource.

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said computing resource is caused to interconnect with the executable code of said legacy software application over said network so as to interact with said legacy software application in the transmission or receipt of information to and from said legacy software application.

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31. A system in accordance with claim 28, the means for producing the series of software components, including means for generating client interface components, the client interface components being the range to interact over the network with the legacy software application.

32. A system in accordance with claim 31, the client interface components including a user input object which is arranged to receive data input by a user of the network computing resource and transmit the data to the legacy application, over the network.

33. A system in accordance with claim 28, wherein said series of software components are loadable and executable by an Internet Browser.

39. A system in accordance with claim 28, wherein said translatable source code is written in at 4GL language.

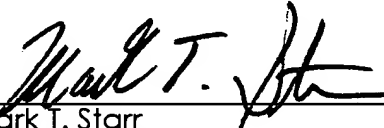
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40. A system in accordance with claim 28, wherein said translatable source code is written in the LINC language.

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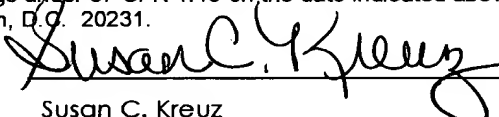
  
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